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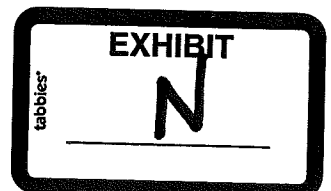
HOUSE BILL NO. 1600  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
2 SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

4 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
5 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General  
6 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Department of Human  
7 Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending  
8 June 30, 2019.....\$ 167,573,006.00.

9 **SECTION 2.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be  
10 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in any special fund in  
11 the State Treasury to the credit of the Department of Human  
12 Services which is comprised of special source funds collected by  
13 or otherwise available to the department for the support of the  
14 various divisions of the department, for the purpose of defraying  
15 the expenses of the department for the fiscal year beginning  
16 July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019.....  
17 .....\$ 1,389,979,105.00.



**SECTION 3.** None of the funds appropriated by this act shall be expended for any purpose that is not actually required or necessary for performing any of the powers or duties of the Department of Human Services that are authorized by the Mississippi Constitution of 1890, state or federal law, or rules or regulations that implement state or federal law.

**SECTION 4.** Of the funds appropriated under the provisions of Section 1 of this act and authorized for expenditure under the provisions of Section 2 of this act, not more than the amounts set forth below shall be expended; however, notwithstanding any other provision in this act, it is the intent of the Legislature that any amount of funds and positions may be transferred between the Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services in order to comply with agreements made by the State of Mississippi with the United States District Court in reference to the Olivia Y., et al. lawsuit.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **FUNDING:**

|                    |    |                         |
|--------------------|----|-------------------------|
| General Funds..... | \$ | 69,578,708.00.          |
| Special Funds..... |    | 1,240,128,849.00        |
| Total.....         | \$ | <u>1,309,707,557.00</u> |

With the funds appropriated for this budget, the following positions are authorized:

##### **AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:**

|            |                |       |
|------------|----------------|-------|
| Permanent: | Full Time..... | 1,741 |
|------------|----------------|-------|



43 Part Time..... 1  
 44 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 474  
 45 Part Time..... 0

46 **DIVISION OF CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES**

47 **FUNDING:**

48 General Funds.....\$ 97,994,298.00  
 49 Special Funds.....137,850,256.00  
 50 Total.....\$ 247,844,554.00

51 With the funds appropriated for this budget, the following  
 52 positions are authorized:

53 **AUTHORIZED POSITIONS:**

54 Permanent: Full Time..... 1,537  
 55 Part Time..... 0  
 56 Time-Limited: Full Time..... 417  
 57 Part Time..... 0

58 None of the funds herein appropriated shall be used in  
 59 violation of Internal Revenue Service's Publication 15-A relating  
 60 to the reporting of income paid to contract employees, as  
 61 interpreted by the Office of the State Auditor.

62 **SECTION 5.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
 63 Department of Human Services and Department of Child Protection  
 64 Services shall maintain complete accounting and personnel records  
 65 related to the expenditure of all funds appropriated under this  
 66 act and that such records shall be in the same format and level of  
 67 detail as maintained for Fiscal Year 2018. It is further the



intention of the Legislature that the agency's budget request for Fiscal Year 2020 shall be submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee in a format and level of detail comparable to the format and level of detail provided during the Fiscal Year 2019 budget request process.

**SECTION 6.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 herein to Department of Human Services, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) shall be transferred to the Department of Health, Child Care Licensure Program from the Child Care Development Fund or other appropriate special fund. These funds are to be transferred to the Board of Health no later than July 31, 2018. The Department of Health shall make a complete accounting to the Department of Human Services detailing the uses of these funds in accordance with federal and state regulations.

**SECTION 7.** It is the intention of the Legislature that whenever two (2) or more bids are received by this agency for the purchase of commodities or equipment, and whenever all things stated in such received bids are equal with respect to price, quality and service, the Mississippi Industries for the Blind shall be given preference. A similar preference shall be given to the Mississippi Industries for the Blind whenever purchases are made without competitive bids.

**SECTION 8.** The Department of Human Services and the Department of Child Protection Services is authorized to expend available funds on technology or equipment upgrades or



replacements when it will generate savings through efficiency or when the savings generated from such upgrades or replacements exceed expenditures thereof.

**SECTION 9.** It is the intention of the Legislature that none of the funds provided herein shall be used to pay certain utilities for state furnished housing for any employees. Such utilities shall include electricity, natural gas, butane, propane, cable and phone services. Where actual cost cannot be determined, the agency shall be required to provide meters to be in compliance with legislative intent. Such state furnished housing shall include single-family and multi-family residences but shall not include any dormitory residences. Allowances for such utilities shall be prohibited.

**SECTION 10.** In compliance with the "Mississippi Performance Budget and Strategic Planning Act of 1994," it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds provided herein shall be utilized in the most efficient and effective manner possible to achieve the intended mission of this agency. Based on the funding authorized, this agency shall make every effort to attain the targeted performance measures provided below:

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
|                                 | FY2019        |
| <u>Performance Measures</u>     | <u>Target</u> |
| Support Services                |               |
| Percentage of Referred/Directed |               |
| Investigative Audits Conducted  | 98.00         |



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|-----|---|----------------|
| 118 | Percentage of Special Investigations        |                |
| 119 | Conducted                                   | 95.00          |
| 120 | Percentage of Referred/Obtained Fraud       |                |
| 121 | Investigations Conducted Timely             | 98.00          |
| 122 | Percentage of Referred Administrative       |                |
| 123 | Disqualification Hearings and Fair Hearings |                |
| 124 | Conducted Timely                            | 95.00          |
| 125 | Percentage of Monitoring Reviews Conducted  |                |
| 126 | within Acceptable Timeframes                | 98.00          |
| 127 | Total Amount of Funds Recovered (\$)        | 10,936,551.00  |
| 128 | Aging & Adult Services                      |                |
| 129 | In-home Services (Persons)                  | 100,542        |
| 130 | Community Services (Persons)                | 73,787         |
| 131 | Number of Congregate Meals                  | 232,791        |
| 132 | Numbe of Home-Delivered Meals               | 1,486,361      |
| 133 | Substantiated Incidences of Abuse of        |                |
| 134 | Vulnerable Adults per 1,000 Population      | 0.20           |
| 135 | Home Delivered Meals, Percent Reduction     |                |
| 136 | of Persons on Waiting List (%)              | 1.00           |
| 137 | Child Support Enforcement                   |                |
| 138 | Number of Paternities Established           | 18,000         |
| 139 | Change in Paternities Established (%)       | 0.00           |
| 140 | Number of Obligations Established           | 22,500         |
| 141 | Change in Obligations Established (%)       | 0.00           |
| 142 | Total Collections (\$)                      | 365,000,000.00 |



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|-----|---|-------------|
| 143 | Change in Total Collections (%)           | 0.00        |
| 144 | Absent Parents Located (Number of)        | 60,000      |
| 145 | Child Support Cases Current               |             |
| 146 | on Payments (%)                           | 30.00       |
| 147 | Community Services                        |             |
| 148 | Number of Elderly Served by CSBG & LIHEAP | 19,579      |
| 149 | Number of Handicapped Served              | 18,400      |
| 150 | Number of Households Achieving            |             |
| 151 | Self-Sufficiency                          | 882         |
| 152 | Increase in Rate of Household             |             |
| 153 | Attaining Self Sufficiency (%)            | 2.00        |
| 154 | Number of Households Stabilized           | 17,712      |
| 155 | Increase in the Number of                 |             |
| 156 | Households Stabilized (%)                 | 2.00        |
| 157 | Number of Households Weatherized          | 516         |
| 158 | Early Childhood Care & Dev                |             |
| 159 | Number of Children Served                 | 28,000      |
| 160 | Assistance Payments                       |             |
| 161 | Dollar Amount of Assistance (\$)          | 690,000.00  |
| 162 | Food Assistance                           |             |
| 163 | Average Monthly Households                | 225,000     |
| 164 | Supplemental Nutrition Assistance         |             |
| 165 | Program - SNAP (\$)                       | 716,413,100 |
| 166 | Percentage of Mississippi Households      |             |
| 167 | Receiving SNAP Benefits (%)               | 22.51       |



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| 168 | TANF Work Program                         |        |
| 169 | TANF Households per Month (AVG)           | 4,600  |
| 170 | Work Program (Avg Persons Served)         | 1,107  |
| 171 | TANF Work Program Participation Rate (%)  | 60.00  |
| 172 | Persons Employed                          | 720    |
| 173 | Number of Households Receiving TANF       |        |
| 174 | Benefits During the Year                  | 4,600  |
| 175 | Percentage of Households Receiving TANF   |        |
| 176 | During the Year (%)                       | 0.49   |
| 177 | Percentage of TANF Participants in        |        |
| 178 | Job Training Who Enter Employment (%)     | 30.00  |
| 179 | Percentage of TANF Participants in Job    |        |
| 180 | Training Who Enter Employment at a Salary |        |
| 181 | Sufficient to be Ineligible for TANF (%)  | 19.00  |
| 182 | Percentage of TANF Participants in Job    |        |
| 183 | Training Who Remain Employed for:         |        |
| 184 | One Year After Leaving the Program (%)    | 75.00  |
| 185 | Five Years After Leaving the Program (%)  | 65.00  |
| 186 | Social Services Block Grant               |        |
| 187 | Clients Served, Family & Child Services   | 75,611 |
| 188 | Clients Served, Aging & Adult Services    | 21,178 |
| 189 | Clients Served, Youth Services            | 12,880 |
| 190 | Youth Services                            |        |
| 191 | Community Services (Children Served)      | 12,500 |
| 192 | Institutional Component (Children Served) | 300    |





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|-----|---|-------|
| 193 | Number of Volunteers - Community Services | 100   |
| 194 | Children Placed in Alternative Placement  | 0.00  |
| 195 | Children Diverted from Institutional      |       |
| 196 | Care (%)                                  | 85.00 |
| 197 | Recidivism Rate (%)                       | 20.00 |

198 A reporting of the degree to which the performance targets  
 199 set above have been or are being achieved shall be provided in the  
 200 agency's budget request submitted to the Joint Legislative Budget  
 201 Committee for Fiscal Year 2020.

202 **SECTION 11.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
 203 Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support  
 204 Enforcement, make a concentrated effort to increase collections of  
 205 past due child support payments. On or before January 1, 2019,  
 206 the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services shall  
 207 submit a report to the Legislative Budget Office detailing  
 208 year-to-date performance measures in the Child Support Enforcement  
 209 Program compared with the prior year.

210 **SECTION 12.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
 211 Department of Human Services shall have the authority to spend  
 212 such additional funds as it shall receive from the federal  
 213 government in incentives or the federal match on those incentives  
 214 for the purpose of child support enforcement.

215 **SECTION 13.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, Two  
 216 Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be transferred



to the Juvenile Facility Monitoring Unit at the Department of Public Safety no later than July 31, 2018.

**SECTION 14.** Of the funds appropriated herein, to the Department of Human Services One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), is provided for the support of the Home Delivered Meals Program and any additional funds that may be appropriated to this program.

**SECTION 15.** The following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury to the credit of the Capital Expense Fund, as created in Section 27-103-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, and allocated in a manner as determined by the Treasurer's Office for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Department of Child Protection Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019..  
.....\$12,000,000.00.

**SECTION 16.** Of the funds provided in Section 1, herein to the Department of Human Services, an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) is provided to fund the Senior Olympics Program.

**SECTION 17.** Of the funds appropriated in Section 1, herein to the Department of Child Protection Services, it is the intention of the Legislature that Ninety-three Thousand Six Hundred One Dollars (\$93,601.00) shall be allocated to the Mississippi Children's Trust Fund supported from General Fund court assessments.



241       **SECTION 18.** In addition to all other funds appropriated in  
242 this act, Four Thousand Seventy-five Dollars (\$4,075.00) may be  
243 paid to the Union County Chancery Clerk for the payment of prior  
244 year invoices.

245       **SECTION 19.** It is the intention of the Legislature that the  
246 Governor's Office, Division of Medicaid and the Department of  
247 Human Services shall work together to implement HB 1090 of the  
248 2017 Regular Session, known as the "Medicaid and Human Services  
249 Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act".

250       **SECTION 20.** The money herein appropriated shall be paid by  
251 the State Treasurer out of any money in the State Treasury to the  
252 credit of the proper fund or funds as set forth in this act, upon  
253 warrants issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal  
254 Officer shall issue his warrants upon requisitions signed by the  
255 proper person, officer or officers, in the manner provided by law.

256       **SECTION 21.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
257 and after July 1, 2018.

